

lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America understands that helping youth puts our nation on a path toward a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. Scouting helps young people develop self-confidence, as well as prepare them with academic, ethical, leadership, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

The Boy Scouts of America builds upon strong traditional family values to complement the education of our young men through its mission of mentoring, lifelong learning, faith traditions, serving others, healthy living, and building character.

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their communities. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions must be made, peer pressure can be resisted and the right choices can be made.

Madam Speaker, from the beginning of the Boy Scout program to the eventual completion and rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America has long trained young men in the necessary skills that will enable them to be the future leaders of the United States. I applaud the efforts and the accomplishments of all of our nation's Boy Scouts, and specifically those of the 11th District of Georgia, which is my privilege to represent in Congress. I urge all of my colleagues to continue to support this honorable organization and the excellent young men that it continues to produce.

MEDICARE TRANSITION CARE ACT OF 2009

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Medicare Transition Care Act of 2009.

When people leave the hospital after an operation or illness, they are often overwhelmed by a complicated and risky road to recovery. Patients frequently report difficulty remembering clinical instructions, confusion over medications, and, in cases where multiple providers are involved, often get conflicting instructions from different providers. Providing a transitional care benefit within Medicare will help coordinate care, develop a care plan for patients and their caregivers, identify potential health risks, and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations.

This bipartisan legislation gets to the heart of improving quality while reducing costs. A study published in April 2009 in the New England Journal of Medicine found that almost one-third of Medicare beneficiaries studied who were discharged from a hospital were re-hospitalized within 90 days. Additionally, one-half of the individuals re-hospitalized had not visited a physician since their discharge, indicating a lack of follow-up care. The study estimated that Medicare spent \$17.4 billion in 2004 on unplanned re-hospitalizations.

The Medicare Transition Care Act will directly address continuity of care problems by

increasing support to patients as they move from the hospital to their new care setting and ensuring that appropriate follow-up care is provided during this vulnerable period. The benefit would be phased-in, initially targeting just the most at-risk individuals by providing evidence-based transitional care services tailored to their specific needs.

I am proud to partner with Congressman BOUSTANY, a cardiothoracic surgeon, on this commonsense legislation that will improve the quality and efficiency of our health care system.

HONORING THE INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD'S 1313TH ENGINEER COMPANY WHO WILL SOON BE DEPLOYING TO IRAQ

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to pay honor to the Indiana National Guard's 1313th Engineer Company, who will be deploying to Iraq in July and spending the next year there. These brave citizen soldiers, based out of Camp Atterbury in Edinburg, IN, will be conducting a wide range of engineering missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; including searching for improvised explosive devices, building roads and bridges, and, in general, improving lives to both our service personnel in Iraq and Iraqi civilians.

I am confident that their skilled work and dedication to duty will save lives, improve conditions in Iraq, and ultimately work toward the completion of our country's mission in Iraq.

I would also like to honor the families of these Guardsmen, who without their love and support, would make this already difficult task that much more challenging. They too share in the hardships of military service, and they too deserve our utmost thanks and respect.

These brave Hoosier Guardsmen and their families will be in my thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATING RAMSEY POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. PROGRAM STUDENTS

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Ramsey Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students from the John Y. Dater and St. Paul Interparochial Schools. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Bryan Gurney and the brave men and women of the Ramsey Police Department.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. This program allows children to defeat the

negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Ramsey, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Mark Andersen, Michael Babikian, Samuel Berman, Brianna Bussiere, Olivia Carriero, Michael Cassella, Francesca De Palo, Matthew De Pinto, Sonny Del Valle, Ross Farcas, Fiona Flood, Melanie Greenberg, Dwight Han, Sarah Hattar, Lindsay Hoffman, Morgan Kleinberg, Julie McNamara, Justin Millet, Brandon O'Callahan, Courtney Schreiber, Ryan Scialla, Nikita Serafin, Ashley Sicard, Jacob Simpson, Zachary Becher, Jessica Bell, Jacob Berkofsky, Kaley Bogden, Michael Brunton, Elizabeth Burch, Michael Careccia, Connor Chamberlin, Kara Checke, Emily Derleth, Marc Doran, Shannon Fine, Joseph Frohlich, Christina Goudelias, Joseph Guthrie, Patrick Journick, Brian Lander, Elaine Les, Emmanuel Lugo Abreu, Brandon Mazzola, Rebecca Moya, Allison Murphy, Stephen Pirro, Kelly Richter, Alaina Sebes, Lucas Alvarez, Rosemary Arpino, Christopher Di Palma, Katherine Donnelly, Daniel Donovan, Ryan Faulkner, Thomas Feehan, Daniel Gallombardo, Meredith Halik, Haruna Ishii, Kevin Johns, Melissa Lara, Devan Larson, Maria Martino, Jesse Mitchell, Megan Murphy, Mariana Perez, Eric Pflugfelder, Stephen Porter, Christine Song, Austin Triglia, Kayla Vanderbilt, Siera Vari, Alexandra Alo, Robert Beers, Joshua Bialkin, Emma Bogaenko, Megan Bosso, Gregory Botz, Carlie Capela, Joseph Carroll, Nicole De Franco, Matthew Donnelly, Bridget Gregory, JohnEric Hornyak, Ashley Houser, Kenneth Kasprzak, Kevin Latz, Kellen McDonald, Peter McNally, Kazuki Miyamoto, Amanda Nedelkoff, Bridget Quinn, Victoria Stitz, Samantha Stollman, Caitlin Sweeney, Evan Szucs, John Alicandri, Jenna Bahnsen, Olivia Cseh, Matthew Desimone, Conor Dobson, Olivia Gilligan, Mackenzie Juhlin, Elise Kelly, Sean Kopczynski, Kelsey Larkin, Erin Latz, Katherine Lenahan, Garrett Mast, Kathryn Miller, Jennifer Monteith, Patrick O'Keefe, Jeffrey Padovano, Jacqueline Pesco, Sean Riordan, Jared Schwarz, Alexander Sebastiano, Haydn Van Dyk, Lauren Venturini, Kaitlyn Zwerling, Sarah Ahearn, Kayla Azouri, Danny Balbuena, Tye Baruffaldi, Nicole Borbone, Samuel Brickman, Gabrielle Daniels, Kristen Foelsch, Anne Glerum, Jake Gursaly, Josue Herrera, Siranush Hovhannisyann, Kathryn Iannuzzi, Kazel Kapadia, Brendan Mahon, Peter Mariani, Robert McOwen, Victoria Medlicott, David Mende, Harrison Mobbs, Jessica Pevny, Elena Polin, Henry Ruitenber, Ryan Shevlin, Christopher Spittler, Kimberly Tuntigian, Brita Andersen, Taylor Corbett, Julia D'Antonio, Matthew Davidson, Sean Donnelly, Sean Donohue, Timothy Finnegan, Lillian Hong, Samantha Hotz, Harrison Illes, Brendan Jahnke, Khadija Khan, Lily Kramer, Brian Kurnentz, Lacey Laggan, Thomas Lanning, James Messina, John Milligan, James O'Keefe, James Pupalaikis, Alyssa Rose, Breanna Russell, Elisa Silecchia, Kara Sutcliffe, Anna Wanner, Jack August, Brooke Bernier, Carlo Alberto Bolognini, Kelly Carolan, Jake Cataldo, Christina Cowie, Deanna De Luca, Brooke Dommenege, Matthew Eng, Jacob Englishman, Zachary

Gampel, Evan Graf, Rio Greenshields, Beatrice Lee, Chae Young Lee, Matthew Lee, Daniel Moon, Kyle Pacenza, Arpeet Patel, Emily Patunas, Madison Smith, Brooke Tommaney, Hannah Tracy, Heather Wang, David Acampora, Antonio Belmonte, Paige Cassella, Michael Cirilli, Ethan Cohen, Samantha Creamer, Athena Davis, Lia DiPiazza, Brianna Francis, Brianna Jakus, Matthew Lowery, Wesley Ng, Ian Quin, Basit Qurbanzada, Adam Reisfield, Alexa Remia, Zachary Rockefeller, Bridget Scanlon, Thomas Scanlon, Jonathan Scheibenpflug, Shayna Scott, Jeong Seo, Ashley Silecchia, Emily Yankovich, Laura Branna, Kyle Buser, Dale Cheyne, Sophia Colon, Pauline Crepy, William Danz, Kyle DeBel, Amber Finkeldey, John Gaffney, Lina Hyman, Julianne Kadien, Alexandra Kilkenny, Julia Kissel, Jeffrey Lieto, Magennis, Thomas McCormack, Michael McGuirk, Jannica Mendez, Aleasa Molinari, Matthew Myhr, Matthew San Julian, Margaret Schiazza, Evan Shi, Michael Turso, Peyton Wejnert, Min Soo Kang, Scott Balcom, Bridget Beyer, Emily Boylan, Kevin Caroli, Sophie D'Souza, Lauren Gallagher, Yeonsoo Kim, Jack Kuipers, Connor LaSpina, Jeffrey Lieto, Margaret McCarthy, Ryan McKenna, Justin Murad, Kerri-Anne Nicholson, Rosemary Pawloski, Brandon Potenza, Nicholas Proscia, Tyler Ramirez, Hayley Rieman, William Romano, Melissa Samanoglu, Nicholas Scavone, Kathleen Smith, Alexander Tekerian, Daniel Tuite, Roberto Paraz, Michael Han, and Issaac Utter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Patrolman Timothy Shoemaker, Lead D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Ramsey Police Department. A thirteen-year veteran of the force, Patrolman Shoemaker was recently honored as the New Jersey D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. As Patrolman Shoemaker told the Bergen Record, "A policeman needs to be a leader and a role model in the community. I'll protect you from the bad guys. But, also, if you're going through something tough . . . a policeman can be your friend." Patrolman Shoemaker has daily lived up to these words. All who interact with Patrolman Shoemaker—criminals aside—can't help but sing his praises, and today I add my voice to the choir. I commend this humble and dedicated public servant on this well deserved recognition. I know Ramsey students and parents alike would join me in saying that our streets are safer and communities stronger for his presence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed three votes. I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 311, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1736, the International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 312, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1709, the STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 313, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 420, Cele-

brating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF REVEREND DOCTOR PASTOR LAURENT LOUIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Doctor Pastor Laurent Louis, a man dedicated to serving God, his family and the community.

Pastor Laurent Louis was born on February 12, 1956 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He attended Lycee Petion a school that stressed duty, responsibility and serving others. In June 1978, he graduated high school and studied theology at the International Seminary of California. He is a caring father, loving husband, devoted pastor and a committed community leader.

At the age of 15, Pastor Louis began serving his church and the community with great respect and responsibility. He taught Sunday school and led the youth to a spiritual and disciplined life while devoting time and energy to his community. People in his community elected him to be the General Secretary of the soccer teams of the Croix Des Bouquets. He later became a sports broadcaster and an impartial referee in his sportive career. He knew health and sports can lead to good academics and a successful life.

Pastor Louis came to New York City in January of 1981 and soon fell in love with the Big Apple. He saw the need for his community to organize spiritually, and he immediately joined Emmanuel Baptist Church. It did not take his pastor long to discover Pastor Louis' leadership and appointed him assistant pastor, youth president and leader of the missionary. He accomplished his mission so well that when there was a need for a station church at Coney Island, Pastor Louis was selected to take on the task; within a few months there were 40 members.

Pastor Laurent Louis also founded an academic club to have students help one another. He understood how to bring good people together from the community to help in this endeavor. This club saved many young students and 95 percent succeeded academically. With good will and the help of good people, Pastor Louis was able to accomplish so much for his community.

Pastor Louis has been happily married for 25 years, and enjoyed a successful life with his wife Marie Mireille Louis and their six children. His first daughter Deborah, his sons Nathanael and Benjamin are attending college. His daughters Eltamar and Jessica are in high school and Johanna is in elementary school.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Laurent Louis.

JUSTIN MCAADOW

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Justin McAdow who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Justin McAdow is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Justin McAdow is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Justin McAdow for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

HONORING DUNCAN HALL FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Duncan Hall from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Duncan attends North Cobb High School, where he has a 4.104 Grade Point Average and is the Vice President of the student body. Duncan is the Commanding Officer of the North Cobb and Harrison High School NJROTC Unit and has been the NJROTC Unit Academic Team Commander for the past two years. Duncan also serves as NJROTC Academic Tutor and a Character Education Advisor for Underclassman. He was presented the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for Outstanding Performance of Duty in the NJROTC program by the Navy League of the United States and was selected as the Atlanta Metropolitan Navy League's 2nd runner up for Cadet of the Year. Duncan has also been recognized with the American Legion's Scholastic Achievement Medal.

In addition to Duncan's focus on academics and military preparation, he has remained very active in extracurricular activities, lettering on both North Cobb's track and cross country teams. Duncan Hall is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Duncan as well as his parents, Duncan and Stefani Hall, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Duncan that America has the finest military in the